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SUBJ: NEW PORTUGUESE AMBASSADORS TO MEXICO AND CUBA ANNOUNCED

SUMMARY: GOP HAS NAMED ITS CURRENT AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, DR. JOSE FERNANDES FAFE, AS ITS NEW AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, AND HAS NAMED DR. MANUEL JOAO DA PALMA CARLOS TO REPLACE FAFE IN HAVANA. END SUMMARY.

1. THE PORTUGUESE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN AGREMENT TO DR. JOSE FERNANDES FAFE AS PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO. FAFE HAS BEEN THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO CUBA SINCE FEBRUARY 1975. HE IS A POET AND WRITER, LONG-TIME STUDENT OF LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, AND AN OLD FRIEND OF PRIME MINISTER SOARES.

2. DR. MANUEL JOAO DA PALMA CARLOS, NAMED TO REPLACE FAFE AS PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, IS A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE-CUBAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION. REPORTEDLY A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE LATE 1940'S, FAFE IS CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY. DESPITE HARRASSMENT FROM THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FORMER REGIME, PALMA CARLOS OFFERED HIS SERVICES AS A LAWYER ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO DEFEND INDIVIDUALS SUBJECTED TO POLITICAL PERSECUTION BY THE SALAZAR REGIME. IN 1969, HE DEFENDED CUBAN ARMY CAPTAIN RODRIGUES PERALTA, WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED WHILE ACTING AS AN ADVISOR TO THE PAIGC IN GUINEA BISSAU. EARLIER THIS YEAR, PALMA CARLOS WAS PROPOSED FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL, BUT PRESIDENT EANES

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